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COUNTY SUPERVISORS APPROVE LEGAL AID FOR HIGH DESERT

SAN BERNARDINO—The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved a contract with the Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino to provide legal services to low- and moderate-income High Desert residents. The first consultations will be offered this Thursday in Barstow.

The contract, in the amount of \$7,500, brings the total amount of legal services assistance to High Desert residents to \$19,500 for the current and next fiscal year. The funds will help provide legal services to eligible residents of the First Supervisorial District, who must reside within unincorporated San Bernardino County or the Cities of Barstow, Adelanto, Twentynine Palms or Needles.

The funds are allocated from the County's entitlement under the federal Community Development Block Grant program annually administered by the County Department of Economic and Community Development in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under the program, low- and moderate-income persons will receive assistance in legal matters such as civil suits, consumer complaints, family law, landlord/tenant disputes and credit and social security problems.

Services will be provided through a one-day clinic per week. The clinics will be held every Thursday beginning at 10 a.m. at 240 East Williams Street in Barstow beginning May 3. Legal Aid attorneys volunteer their services and do not represent their clients in court—rather, they prepare clients to represent themselves.

For more information call the Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino at (909) 889-7328 or (909) 889-4811.